

REMARKS

The specification, claims and figures have been reviewed. Typographical errors and grammar have been corrected, and the claims have been amended to improve form. Entry of the amendments to the specification, the claims and the drawings is respectfully requested.

At pages 2-4 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejects claims 1-3, 5-10, 12-16 and 18-19 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Hashimoto et al (USPN 6,263,201) in view of Admitted Prior Art (APA).

At page 4 of the Office Action, claims 4, 11 and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Hashimoto et al (USPN 6,263,201) in view of Admitted Prior Art (APA) and further in view of Pitney et al. (Dynamic e-mail messaging system having time parameters).

These rejections are traversed, and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

It is respectfully submitted that Hashimoto generally teaches that a transmission server transmits data to wireless calling equipment at the designated time on the basis of scheduling information. See col. 2, lines 13 to 25, for example. Therefore, Hashimoto teaches "time" in col. lines 37 to 54 and/or col. 10, lines 50 to 67 as the examiner stated. However, "time" in Hashimoto and "time" in independent claims 1, 8, and 14 have different meanings. Furthermore, Hashimoto does not teach "a requirement relating to a time when said received message occurred" (that is, a time when said received message occurred is completely different from a time when said received message is scheduled to be sent.) in association with passing said received message to a standard destination if said received message did not fulfill said predetermined condition including this requirement (that is, the claim indicates filtering of the received message is not carried out).

Moreover, the APA teaches filtering a message if the condition stored in the condition storage means is not fulfilled. However, the APA does not disclose the above-described "requirement" in this claim.

Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that (a) a person who has ordinary skill in the art cannot apply the teaching of the APA to Hashimoto, since there is no description and/or suggestion for applying the APA to Hashimoto, and there is no description and suggestion about the message transfer scheduling in the APA, and (b) even if it were possible to apply the APA to Hashimoto, the judging means is not indicated in association with the means for passing.

Claim 2 is allowable because claim 2 depends from claim 1, which is deemed to be allowable. Moreover, the Examiner indicates col. 5, lines 30 to 54 for processing content.

However, this portion of Hashimoto indicates "the transmission content", which means mere message content. On the other hand, the processing content in claim 2 includes a change of contents of said received message, a change of display destination of said received message, a change of transmission destination of said received message, a change of recording destination of said received message, and/or execution of a program, for example. Therefore, claim 2 is completely different from Hashimoto.

Claim 3 is allowable because claim 3 depends from claim 1, which is deemed to be allowable.

With respect to claim 4, in col. 5, lines 48 to 51, the definition of the priority feature is described. Based on this description and the flowchart in Pitney, the meaning of "priority" is simple "order". Therefore, Pitney's definition for "priority" does not include changing the notification destination when the notification fails.

As stated above, Pitney does not indicate the content of claim 4.

To aid the Examiner, enclosed is a translation of the priority certificate in order to show the differences between the present invention and Pitney more clearly.

Claim 5 is allowable because claim 5 depends from claim 1, which is deemed to be allowable.

Claim 6 is allowable because claim 6 depends on claim 1, which is deemed to be allowable. In addition, Hashimoto teaches that a plurality of messages can be processed. However, Hashimoto does not teach using a requirement relating to a combination of a plurality of messages.

Claim 7 is allowable because claim 7 depends from claim 2, which is believed to be allowable.

Independent claims 8 and 14 are deemed to be allowable for at least the reasons that claim 1 is allowable. Dependent claims 9-13 and 15-19, which depend from independent claims 8 and 14, respectively, are deemed to be allowable for at least the reasons that independent claims 8 and 14 are allowable and for the reasons that corresponding dependent claims 2-7 are allowable.

It is noted that:

In claims 1 and 7, the Examiner acknowledges that Hashimoto does not teach the term "fulfilled," but rather relies on the APA for teaching the term "fulfilled." There is no teaching or suggestion of combining Hashimoto and the APA. It is respectfully submitted that invention is often, in fact, combining features that may be known, in a new way, and that the courts have

held that using hindsight to justify combining features from different sources without a teaching or suggestion of such combining is not allowed.

Similarly, in claim 4, the Examiner acknowledges that Hashimoto does not teach a process for changing notification destination, a priority, but that Pitney teaches the facsimile priority message tasks, a determination is then made as to whether the telephony priority message tasks have been enabled. It is respectfully submitted that there is no teaching or suggestion of combining Pitney and Hashimoto to define the immediate performance of chosen enhancement features when an e-mail message is received from a predetermined sender.

In addition, it is respectfully submitted that the courts have held that the Examiner may not suggest modifying references using the present invention as a template absent a suggestion of the desirability of the modification in the prior art. *In re Fitch*, 23 U.S.P.Q.2d 1780, Fed Cir. 1992. Something in the prior art as a whole must suggest the desirability, and thus, the obviousness, of making the combination. *Alco Standard Corp. v. Tennessee Valley Authority*, 808 F. 2d 1490, 1 U.S.P.Q. 2d 1337 (Fed. Cir. 1986). When a rejection depends on a combination of prior art references, there must be some teaching, suggestion or motivation to combine the references. *In re Geiger*, 815 F.2d 686, 688 2 U.S.P.Q.2d 1276, 1278 (Fed. Cir. 1987).

Thus, since there is no teaching or suggestion of combining the references recited above, claims 1-3, 5-10, 12-16 and 18-19 are respectfully submitted to be allowable under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) and are patentable over Hashimoto et al (USPN 6,263,201) in view of Admitted Prior Art (APA). Similarly, since there is no teaching or suggestion of combining the references cited against claims 4, 11, and 17, claims 4, 11, 17 and 18 are respectfully submitted to be allowable under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) and are patentable over Hashimoto et al (USPN 6,263,201) in view of Admitted Prior Art (APA) and further in view of Pitney et al. (Dynamic e-mail messaging system having time parameters).

New claim 20 recites that the present invention includes a message processing system comprising: a judging unit to analyze a received message, and to judge whether a predetermined condition including a requirement relating to a time when said received message occurred is fulfilled; a performing unit to perform a process corresponding to the fulfilled predetermined condition if said judging unit judged that said received message fulfilled said predetermined condition; and a passing unit to pass said received message to a standard destination of said received message if said judging unit judged that said received message did not fulfill said predetermined condition. Nothing in the prior art teaches or suggests such. It is

submitted that this new claim distinguishes over the prior art.

In accordance with the foregoing, the specification, figures and claims 1-19 have been amended. New claim 20 has been added. No new matter has been added. Claims 1-20 are pending and under consideration.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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Message number

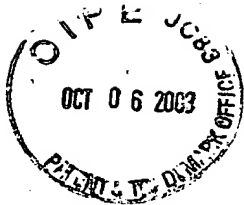
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Additional information

FIG.2

300	304		310		318	
	Specification of message		Time		Operation	
	302		308		314	
	Type of condition	Content of condition	Time range the message occurred	Operation time	Type of Operation	Priority
Set the designation unit	1	S6756	Set time range the message occurred	Set time of operation	1	From
	2	11-15=FAILA			2	1
	3	File name=FAILA			3	to
		name			4	n
					5	
						Content of operation
						Finished placing an order to company A
						WKSTN001
						mail:arao@fujitsu
						logfileA
						programA

FIG.3



Specification of message			Time		Operation		
Designation Unit	Type of condition	Content of condition	Time range the message occurred	Operation time	Type of operation	Priority	Content of operation
(1)	1	S6756	8:00-17:00		2	1	WKSTN001
(2)	1	S6745	17:00-08:00		2	2	WKSTN002
(3)	2	"01-45=error occurred at www server3012/var /httpd.."	08:00-17:00		1	1	system overload www error
(4)	3	From=arao@fujitsu To=suzuki@fujitsu		09:00	3	1	mail:arao@fujitsu
(5)	1	S6756	08:00-17:00		5		mail:suzuki@fujitsu
	1	S6745	08:00-17:00				endprogram

FIG.4

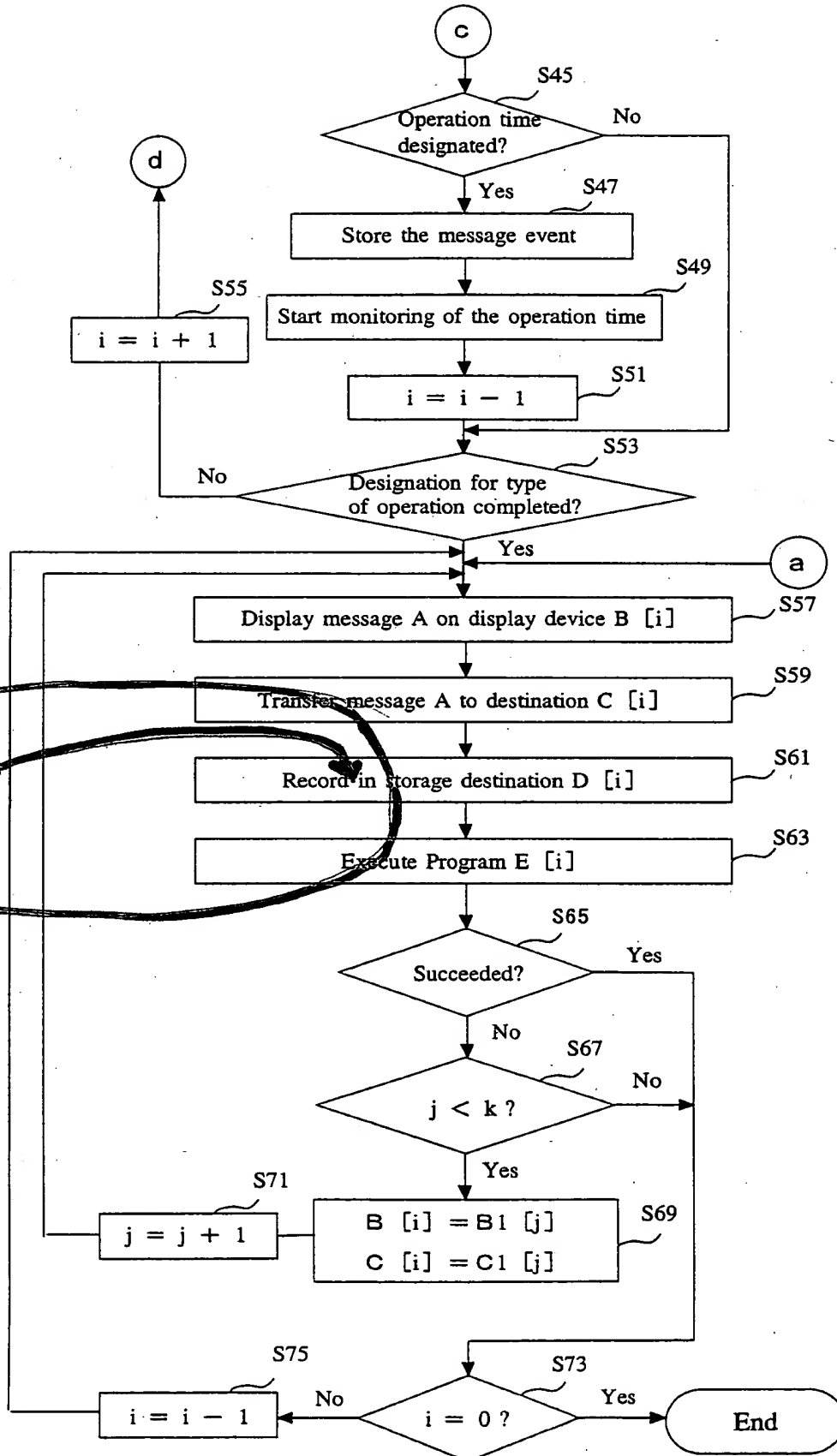


FIG. 7



Specification of message			Time		Operation		
Designation Unit	Type of condition	Content of condition	Time range the message occurred	Operation time	Type of operation	Priority	Content of operation
	3	To: WKSTN001	08:00-12:00		2		WKSTN001
	3	To: WKSTN001	12:00-18:00		2		WKSTN002
	3	To: WKSTN001	18:00-08:00		3		mail:0909991111@xxx.com

(1) ※

(2)

(3)

FIG.9A

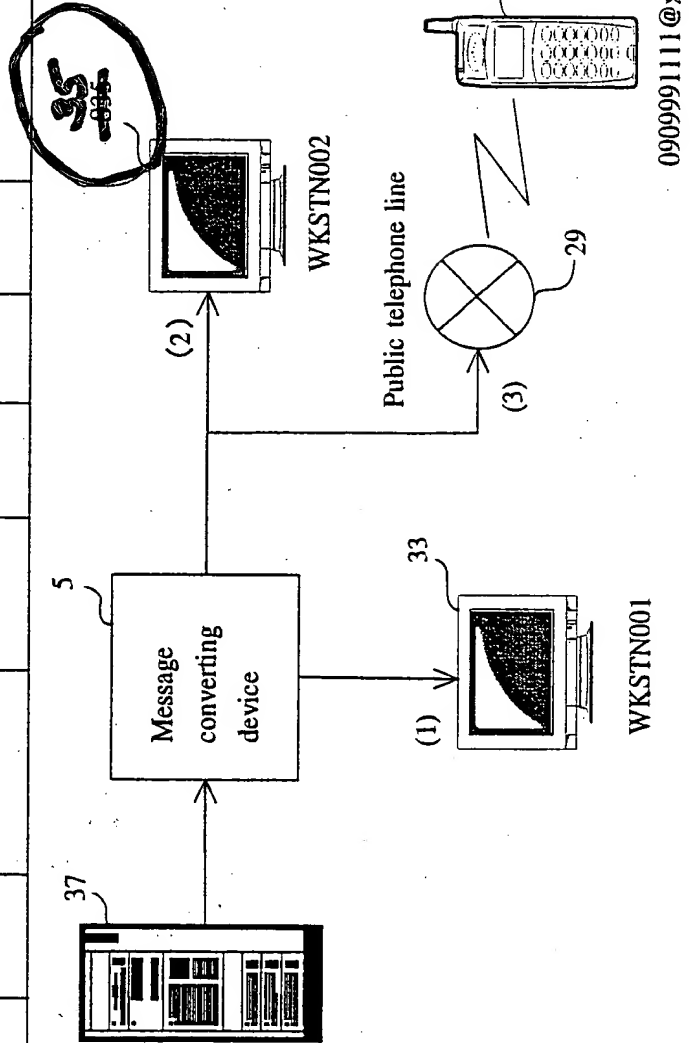


FIG.9B



FIG.12A

Specification of message			Time		Operation	
Designation Unit	Type of condition	Content of condition	Time range the message occurred	Operation time	Type of operation	Content of operation
	3	To: arao@yk.fujitsu.co.jp	09:00	09:00		mail: arao@yk.fujitsu.co.jp

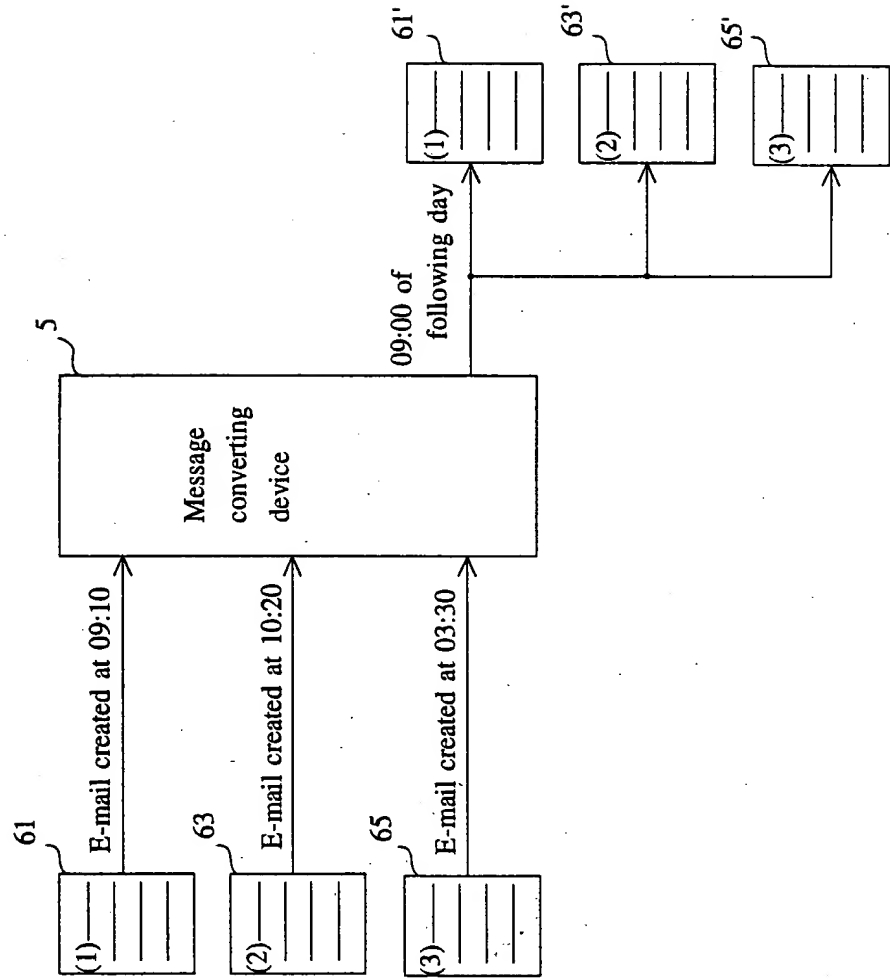


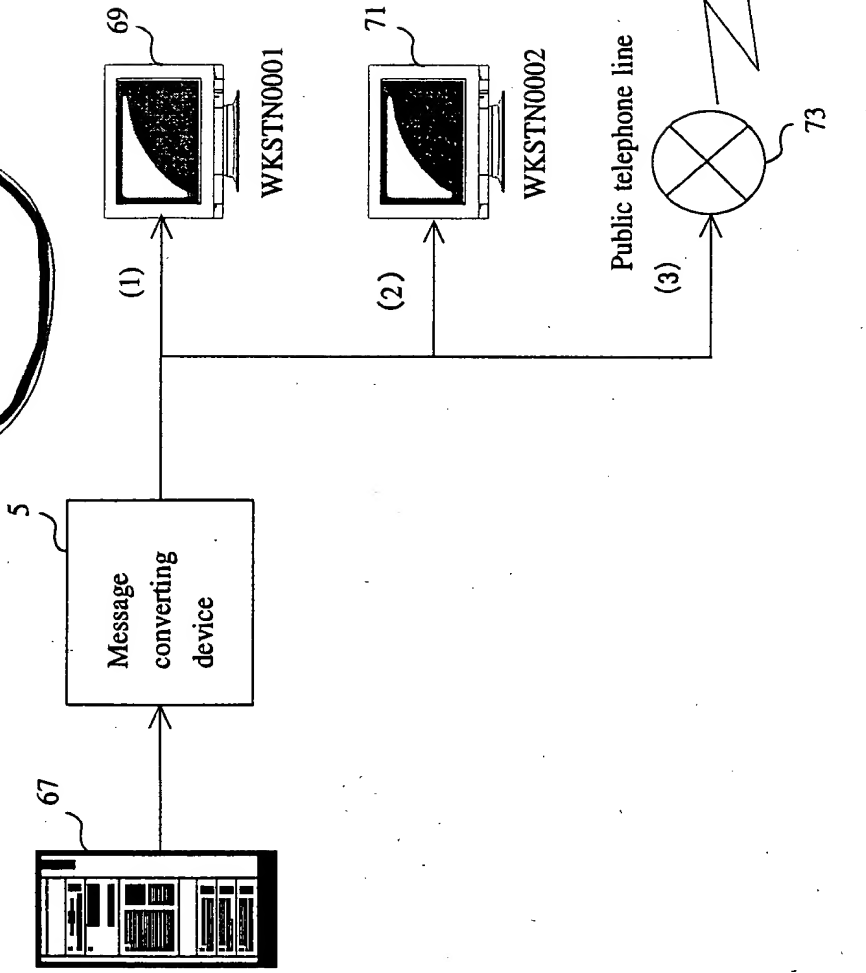
FIG.12B

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FIG.13A

Specification of message			Time		Operation	
Designation Unit	Type of condition	Content of condition	Time range the message occurred	Operation time	Type of operation	Content of operation
	1	S6665		1	2	WKSTN0001
				2	3	WKSTN0002
				3		mail:0909992222@xxx.com

(1)
(2)
(3)



0909992222@xxx.com

FIG.13B



Specification of message			Time		Operation		
Designation Unit	Type of condition	Content of condition	Time range the message occurred	Operation time	Type of operation	Priority	Content of operation
	1	S6663			2		
	1	S6662					
							WKSTN0001 ProgramC

FIG.14A

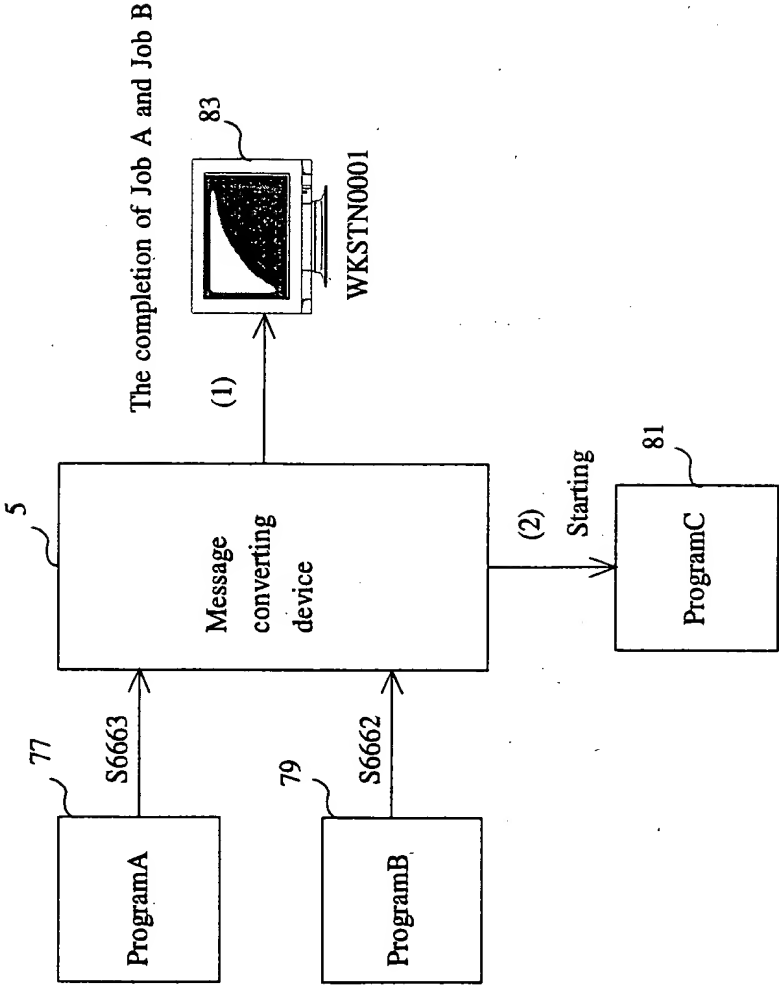


FIG.14B

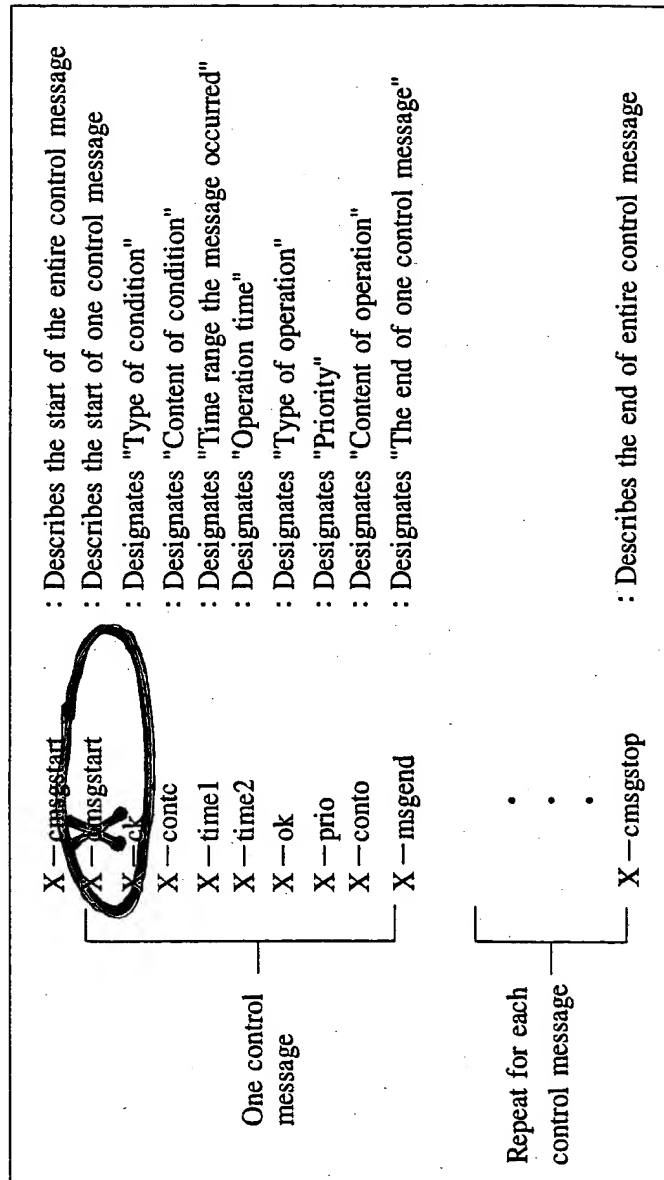


FIG.15

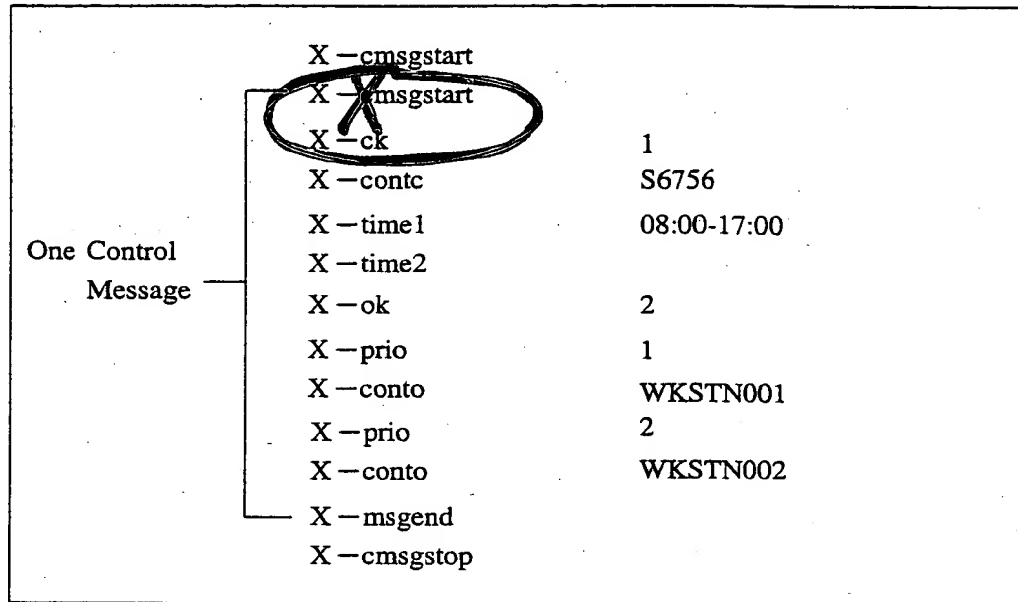


FIG.16

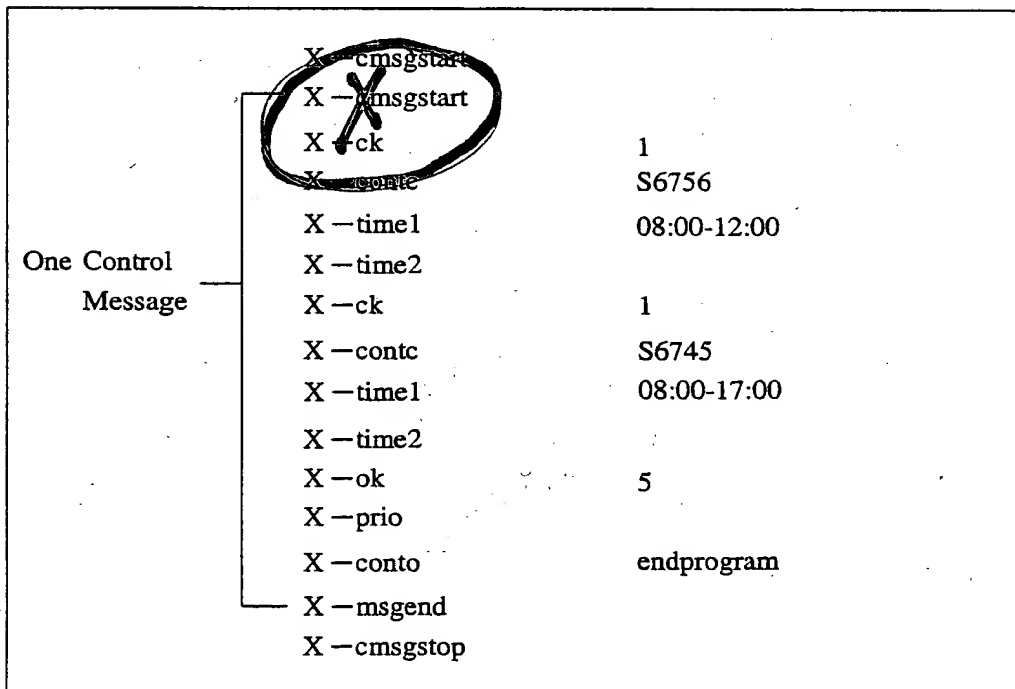


FIG.17